

TREATMENT COURTS COORDINATING COMMISSION

Treatment Court Fact Sheet

Missouri

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Why Treatment Courts?



Proven cost-effective
method of diverting
offenders from
incarceration in prisons



Lower the recidivism
rate of offenders
when compared with
either incarceration
or probation



Allow offenders
to remain in the
community, to work,
pay taxes, support
families



Reduce the number
of babies born
prenatally exposed to
drugs/alcohol, saving
the state millions of
dollars in lifetime costs



Reduce crime and the
need for foster care



Help ensure child
support payments
are made

MISSOURI TREATMENT COURT HISTORY

1993 • Jackson County



The first treatment court started in 1993 in Jackson County

First Legislation

1998



The first legislation for Missouri treatment court passed in 1998

2010 • DWI Court



Legislation was passed in 2010 to establish DWI court dockets which allowed for limited driving privileges to be issued to participants and graduates of a DWI court in Missouri

Veterans Treatment Courts

2013



Legislation was passed in 2013 to establish veterans treatment courts

2018 • Treatment Court Standards



Legislation was passed in 2018 to further define all treatment court models and provide for the development of treatment court standards

MISSOURI TREATMENT COURT PROGRAMS



Juvenile Treatment Courts
Serving 5 counties



DWI Courts
Serving 29 counties



Adult Treatment Courts
Serving 101 counties



Veterans Treatment Courts
Serving 39 counties



Family Treatment Courts
Serving 20 counties

As of June 2022, 44 judicial circuits had the following treatment court programs:

SAVE LIVES



+2,021
current active participants



+26,083
treatment court graduates



1,234
drug-free babies born to treatment court participants

ADDRESS ISSUES



In 2022, 2,181 Missourians lost their lives to an opioid overdose (includes heroin and prescription opioids). Source: [Department of Health and Senior Services](#)

As of December 31, 2016, there were 32,461 offenders in Missouri state prisons. Of these, 7,422 had drug or DWI convictions. Source: [Missouri DOC Annual Report 2016](#)

